

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
DIGEST FOR ESB 615**

**Citations Affected:** IC 12-10-11.

**Synopsis:** CHOICE board. Conference committee report for ESB 615. Adds additional members to, and additional duties for, the community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled (CHOICE) board. Extends certain expiration dates. **(This conference committee report removes language requiring: (1) the office of Medicaid policy and planning to adopt rules concerning specified matters concerning the supported living program; (2) the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services to adopt certain rules concerning provider standards, audits, provider manuals, and training; and (3) the office of the secretary of family and social services to adopt rules concerning audits.)**

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

Adopted

Rejected

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 615 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 12-10-11-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) The board
- 4 consists of the following ~~nine (9)~~ **fifteen (15)** members:
- 5 (1) The director of the division of family and children or the
- 6 director's designee.
- 7 (2) The chairman of the Indiana state commission on aging or the
- 8 chairman's designee.
- 9 (3) ~~Two (2)~~ **Three (3)** citizens at least sixty (60) years of age,
- 10 nominated by ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** or more organizations that:
- 11 (A) represent senior citizens; and
- 12 (B) have statewide membership.
- 13 (4) One (1) citizen less than sixty (60) years of age nominated by
- 14 one (1) or more organizations that:
- 15 (A) represent individuals with disabilities; and
- 16 (B) have statewide membership.
- 17 (5) One (1) citizen less than sixty (60) years of age nominated by
- 18 one (1) or more organizations that:
- 19 (A) represent individuals with mental illness; and
- 20 (B) have statewide membership.
- 21 (6) One (1) provider who provides services under IC 12-10-10.
- 22 (7) One (1) licensed physician, nurse, or nurse practitioner who
- 23 specializes either in the field of gerontology or in the field of

disabilities.

(8) ~~One (1)~~ **Two (2)** home care services ~~advocate~~ **advocates** or policy ~~specialist~~ **specialists** nominated by ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** or more:

(A) organizations;

(B) associations; or

(C) nongovernmental agencies;

that advocate on behalf of home care consumers, **including an organization listed in subdivision (3) that represents senior citizens or persons with disabilities.**

**(9) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with the advice of the minority leader of the senate.**

**(10) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with the advice of the minority leader of the house of representatives.**

**The members of the board listed in subdivisions (9) and (10) are nonvoting members.**

(b) The members of the board designated by subsection (a)(3) through (a)(8) shall be appointed by the governor for terms of two (2) years. In case of a vacancy, the governor shall appoint an individual to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) The division shall establish notice and selection procedures to notify the public of the board's nomination process described in this chapter. Information must be distributed through:

(1) the area agencies on aging; and

(2) all organizations, associations, and nongovernmental agencies that work with the division on home care issues and programs.

SECTION 2. IC 12-10-11-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. The board shall do the following:

(1) Establish long term goals of the state for the provision of a continuum of care for the elderly and disabled based on the following:

(A) Individual independence, dignity, and privacy.

(B) Long term care services that are:

(i) integrated, accessible, and responsible; and

(ii) available in home and community settings.

(C) Individual choice in planning and managing long term care.

(D) Access to an array of long term care services:

(i) for an individual to receive care that is appropriate for the individual's needs; and

(ii) to enable a case manager to have cost effective alternatives available in the construction of care plans and the delivery of services.

(E) Long term care services that include home care, community based services, assisted living, congregate care, adult foster care, and institutional care.

(F) Maintaining an individual's dignity and self-reliance to protect the fiscal interests of both taxpayers and the state.

- 1 (G) Long term care services that are fiscally sound.
- 2 (2) Review state policies on community and home care services.
- 3 (3) Recommend the adoption of rules under IC 4-22-2.
- 4 (4) Recommend legislative changes affecting community and home
- 5 care services.
- 6 (5) Recommend the coordination of the board's activities with the
- 7 activities of other boards and state agencies concerned with
- 8 community and home care services.
- 9 (6) Evaluate cost effectiveness, quality, scope, and feasibility of a
- 10 state administered system of community and home care services.
- 11 (7) Evaluate programs for financing services to those in need of a
- 12 continuum of care.
- 13 (8) Evaluate state expenditures for community and home care
- 14 services, taking into account efficiency, consumer choice,
- 15 competition, and equal access to providers.
- 16 (9) Develop policies that support the participation of families and
- 17 volunteers in meeting the long term care needs of individuals.
- 18 (10) Encourage the development of funding for a continuum of care
- 19 from private resources, including insurance.
- 20 (11) Develop a cost of services basis and a program of cost
- 21 reimbursement for those persons who can pay all or a part of the
- 22 cost of the services rendered. The division shall use this cost of
- 23 services basis and program of cost reimbursement in administering
- 24 IC 12-10-10. The cost of services basis and program of cost
- 25 reimbursement must include a client cost share formula that:
- 26 (A) imposes no charges for an eligible individual whose income
- 27 does not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal
- 28 income poverty level; and
- 29 (B) does not impose charges for the total cost of services
- 30 provided to an individual under the community and home options
- 31 to institutional care for the elderly and disabled program unless
- 32 the eligible individual's income exceeds three hundred fifty
- 33 percent (350%) of the federal income poverty level.
- 34 The calculation of income for an eligible individual must include
- 35 the deduction of the individual's medical expenses and the medical
- 36 expenses of the individual's spouse and dependent children who
- 37 reside in the eligible individual's household.
- 38 (12) Establish long term goals for the provision of guardianship
- 39 services for adults.
- 40 (13) Coordinate activities and programs with the activities of other
- 41 boards and state agencies concerning the provision of guardianship
- 42 services.
- 43 (14) Recommend statutory changes affecting the guardianship of
- 44 indigent adults.
- 45 **(15) Review a proposed rule concerning home and community**
- 46 **based services as required under section 9 of this chapter.**
- 47 SECTION 3. IC 12-10-11-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 48 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 49 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 9. (a) The board shall be given the**
- 50 **opportunity to review a proposed rule concerning home and**
- 51 **community based services for:**

1           **(1) elderly individuals; or**  
 2           **(2) individuals with disabilities;**  
 3           **at least three (3) months before a proposed rule may be published**  
 4           **in the Indiana Register.**

5           **(b) If the proposing agency fails to give the board the opportunity**  
 6           **to review a proposed rule described in subsection (a), the rule:**

7               **(1) is void; and**

8               **(2) must be withdrawn by the proposing agency.**

9           **(c) The board may determine that the proposed rule reviewed by**  
 10           **the board under this section should be subject to a public comment**  
 11           **period. If the board makes a determination that a public comment**  
 12           **period is necessary, the board shall set the:**

13               **(1) date and time;**

14               **(2) location; and**

15               **(3) format;**

16           **of the public comment period for the proposed rule.**

17           **(d) After a public hearing, if the board determines that a**  
 18           **proposed rule is substantially out of compliance with state law**  
 19           **governing home and community based services, the board shall**  
 20           **request that the agency proposing the rule modify or withdraw the**  
 21           **proposed rule. If a proposed rule is modified under this subsection,**  
 22           **the modified rule must be reviewed by the board.**

23           SECTION 4. P.L.274-2003, SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ  
 24           AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: SECTION 7. (a) As  
 25           used in this SECTION, "board" refers to the community and home  
 26           options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled board  
 27           established by IC 12-10-11-1.

28           (b) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of  
 29           Medicaid policy and planning established by IC 12-8-6-1.

30           (c) As used in this SECTION, "waiver" refers to the aged and  
 31           disabled Medicaid waiver.

32           (d) Before September 1, 2003, the office shall discuss and review any  
 33           amendment to the waiver required under this SECTION with the board.

34           (e) Before October 1, ~~2003~~, **2005**, the office shall apply to the United  
 35           States Department of Health and Human Services to amend the waiver  
 36           to include in the waiver any service that is offered under the community  
 37           and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled  
 38           (CHOICE) program established by IC 12-10-10-6. A service provided  
 39           under this subsection may not be more restrictive than the  
 40           corresponding service provided under IC 12-10-10.

41           (f) The office may not implement the waiver until the office files an  
 42           affidavit with the governor attesting that the amendment to the waiver  
 43           applied for under this SECTION is in effect. The office shall file the  
 44           affidavit under this subsection not later than five (5) days after the  
 45           office is notified that the waiver is approved.

46           (g) If the office receives approval for the amendment to the waiver  
 47           under this SECTION from the United States Department of Health and  
 48           Human Services and the governor receives the affidavit filed under  
 49           subsection (f), the office shall implement the waiver not more than sixty  
 50           (60) days after the governor receives the affidavit.

51           (h) Before January 1, ~~2004~~, **2006**, the office shall meet with the board

to discuss any changes to other state Medicaid waivers that are necessary to provide services that may not be more restrictive than the services provided under the CHOICE program. The office shall recommend the changes determined necessary by this subsection to the governor.

(i) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this SECTION.

(j) This SECTION expires July 1, ~~2008~~ **2010**.

SECTION 5. P.L.274-2003, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: SECTION 8. (a) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of Medicaid policy and planning established by IC 12-8-6-1.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "waiver" refers to a Medicaid waiver approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

(c) Before September 1, ~~2003~~ **2005**, the office shall seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to amend the waiver to modify income eligibility requirements to include spousal impoverishment protection provisions under 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5 that are at least at the level of the spousal impoverishment protections afforded to individuals who reside in health facilities licensed under IC 16-28. The office also shall seek approval for twenty thousand (20,000) additional waiver slots at no additional cost to the state.

(d) The office may not implement the waiver amendments until the office files an affidavit with the governor attesting that the federal waiver amendment applied for under this SECTION is in effect. The office shall file the affidavit under this subsection not later than five (5) days after the office is notified that the waiver amendment is approved.

(e) If the United States Department of Health and Human Services approves the waiver amendment requested under this SECTION and the governor receives the affidavit filed under subsection (d), the office shall implement the waiver amendments not more than sixty (60) days after the governor receives the affidavit.

(f) The office may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this SECTION.

(g) This SECTION expires July 1, ~~2008~~ **2010**.

SECTION 6. P.L.274-2003, SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: SECTION 10. (a) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the secretary of family and social services established by IC 12-8-1-1.

(b) Before July 1, ~~2004~~ **2006**, the office shall have self-directed care options services available for:

- (1) the community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled program established by IC 12-10-10-6; and
- (2) a Medicaid waiver;

for an eligible individual who chooses self-directed care services.

(c) This SECTION expires December 31, ~~2006~~ **2008**.

SECTION 7. P.L.274-2003, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: SECTION 12. (a) Before December 31, ~~2003~~ **2005**, the secretary of family and social services (IC 12-8-1-2) shall discuss with the community and

home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled (CHOICE) board established by IC 12-10-11-1, and with any other agency, volunteer, volunteer group, faith based group, or individual that the secretary considers appropriate, the establishment of a system of integrated services, including:

- (1) transportation;
- (2) housing;
- (3) education; and
- (4) workforce development;

to enhance the viability and availability of home and community based care.

(b) The secretary shall report to the governor and the budget committee any recommendations for funding these services.

(c) This SECTION expires December 31, ~~2004~~ **2006**.

SECTION 8. P.L.274-2003, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: SECTION 14. (a) Beginning July 1, 2003, the office of Medicaid policy and planning shall implement a policy that allows the amount of Medicaid funds necessary to provide for services to follow an individual who is transferring from institutional care to Medicaid home and community based care. The amount may not exceed the amount that would have been spent on the individual if the individual had stayed in institutional care.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, ~~2005~~ **2007**.

SECTION 9. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

(Reference is to ESB 615 as reprinted March 23, 2005.)

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**on**  
**Engrossed Senate Bill 615**

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